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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

1. ABOUT EIGHTEEN CORRESPONDENTS WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY

FROM WASHINGTON. USLO SHOULD ADVISE MFA THAT LIST OF CABLE
ADDRESSES OF NEWS ORGANIZATIONS WILL FOLLOW WHEN FIRM.

2. IN ADDITION TO ON-BOARD PRESS, ; NEWS ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEIR HONG KONG CORRESPONDENTS COVER
THE VISIT AND ENTER PRC SEPARATELY. THESE ARE: WPOST,
NYT, NEWSWEEK, READER'S DIGEST, AND LATIMES. NOTE: WE
HAVE INFORMED NEWS AGENCIES THAT WE WILL ACCREDIT TO COVER
SECRETARY'S TRIP NO MORE THAN ONE CORRESPONDENT PER OR-
GANIZATION WHETHER ON-BOARD PRESS OR FROM HONG KONG.

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3. AP AND UPI PHOTO SERVICES AND ABC, NBC, AND CBS HAVE
REQUESTED THAT FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY THEIR CAMERAMEN AND
CREWS FROM HONG KONG BE PERMITTED TO COVER THE VISIT IN LIEU
OF US-BASED STAFF. THESE WOULD INCLUDE ONE STILL CAMERA-
MAN EACH FROM AP AND UPI, AND ONE CAMERAMAN, ONE SOUNDMAN,
AND ONE PRODUCER EACH FROM THE THREE TELEVISION NETWORKS.

4. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF US NEWS AGENCY STAFFERS ENTERING THE PRC VIA SHUMCHUN (OR TOKYO, IF CHINESE RESIST SHUMCHUN) INCLUDING CORRESPONDENTS AND CREWS WOULD BE 16 IF THE CHINESE ARE AGREEABLE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT. USLO SHOULD INFORM MFA THAT DEPARTMENT HOPES PRC WILL BE ABLE TO FACILITATE NEWS AGENCIES' REQUESTS. IF CHINESE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE, WE WILL ALSO SEND LIST OF CABLE ADDRESSES OF HONG KONG BASED PRESS WHEN FIRM.

5. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM MA THAT WE ARE MAKING VISA APPLICATION THROUGH PRCLO FOR JOHN F CANNON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (EA/P). CANNON WILL ADVANCE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS OF TRIP ETA PEKING 8/17.

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS TELEGRAM WOULD NORMALLY PRECEDE THIS TRANSMISSION. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF LEAD TIME REQUIRED BY PROPOSED PRESS ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES USLO SHOULD MOVE AHEAD TO DISCUSS MEDIA ASPECTS WITH MFA. WE INFORMED PRCLO JULY 14 THAT WE ARE INSTRUCTING YOU TO RAISE THESE PRESS QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT, AND WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED PRCLO THAT CANNON WILL BE DOING ADVANCE. VANCE

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